

| | Choice Neighborhoods - Implementation Grant | Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas |
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| Commonalities | Contiguous boundaries for target area | Contiguous boundaries for target area |
| | Incomes of households: at least 20% extremely low/poverty level | Incomes of households: 70% must have incomes at or below 80% area median income |
| | Transformation Plan: actively engage community stakeholders throughout the development and implementation of the plan. | NRSA Plan: consultation component actively involving stakeholders throughout the development and implementation of the plan. |
| | Transformation Plan: involves improvement of housing; targeted support services, economic empowerment and neighborhood improvements | NRSA Plan: economic development, economic empowerment of residents, targeted services, improvements to housing, infrastructure, and facilities |
| | grant term is 5 years, Results expected during grant term but can continue | Results expected in 5 years but can continue |
| | Eligible Housing: Public Housing/Multi-family-assisted | owner occupied and rental housing (private/non-profit) PH for modernization |
| | Other eligible activities: support services for residents of target housing ; Critical Community Improvements: business façade/public facilities/housing improvements/neighborhood broadband | Other eligible activities: support services for residents of target area; economic development; new construction of housing (under certain conditions) |
| | Scope of Transformation Plan: focused on the CN award, can add other programs and projects to complement | Scope of transformation Plan: can evolve during the course of the NRSA plan; based upon performance metrics |
| | Enviromental Review, Section 3 and Davis-Bacon requirements are applicable | Enviromental Review, Section 3 and Davis-Bacon requirements are applicable |
| Differences | Funding: Choice funds are competitively awarded and provide a significant portion of the funding in support of transformation | Funding: determined by the Grantee through a local allocation process. CDBG funds must be used in conjunction with other sources to implement goals of the NRSA plan |
| | Funding for key components of the transformative activities secured at time of CN award | Funding: the plan should identify other sources but secured/committed funding to finance the entire transformation plan is not required. |
| | CDBG funds used in the CN target area <u>do not</u> have requirements relaxed, <i>unless</i> the target area has an approved NRSA plan | Certain CDBG requirements are relaxed to be a catalyst for transformation for housing, services and economic development |
| | All activities funded by the grant must be completed within the grant term | CDBG funding is not necessarily time-limited |
| | | CDBG funds can also be used to support other transformation activities for which requirements are not relaxed: interim assistance; code enforcement; capacity building; infrastructure improvements; public facility rehabilitation/new construction |